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PART I.

IMPORTANT GOVERNMENT ORDERS.

CHIEF SECRETARIAT.

Reviews the Annual Administration Report of the Military Forces for the year 1928-29.

READ—

Report of the Mysore State Troops for the year 1928-29, received with letter No. C. 47—29-30, dated the 24th September 1929.

ORDER No. G. 5482—Mily. 82-29-4, DATED 28TH OCTOBER 1929.

Recorded.

2. Lt. Col. C. R. H. P. Landon, C.B.E., D.S.O., whose term of office as Chief Commandant was for a period of three years from 10th September 1926, continued to hold charge of the appointment till the end of May 1929 and availed himself of three months and nine days leave before retiring from the State Service Col. J. C. Loch, C.B.E., of the Indian Army has since been appointed in his place as Chief Commandant.

3. The post of Personal Assistant to the Chief Commandant which was abolished in November 1927 was revived during the year and Mr. A. J. Donne, Assistant Commissioner, was appointed to the post from 1st April 1929. He was in charge of the office of the Chief Commandant also during the absence of Col. Landon on leave. Major Sadig Mahomed Khan, Sardar Bahadur, I.O.M., continued in cammand of the Mysore Lancers till 31st May 1929 when he resigned the service and Major B. P. Krishne Urs, M.C., I.D.S.M., assumed command of the Unit from 1st June 1929.

4. The composition of the troops remained the same as in the previous year, namely, one cavalry regiment at Bangalore known as the 'Mysore Lancers', one squadron of the 'Mysore Horse' at Mysore, three battalions of Infantry at Bangalore, Shimoga and Mysore and one troop of the Transport Corps at Bangalore with detachments at Kunigal and Mysore. The health of the troops and the sanitation of the lines were good.

5. There were no courts martial and discipline was satisfactory. Two Sowars of the Mysore Lancers concerned in a case of theft of Sandalwood and sixteen men of the Barr guard responsible for the escape of prisoners from the Shimoga Jail were dismissed from the service during the year.

6. The officers and men who took part in the various military sports and competitions both within and outside the State gave a good account of themselves and won several cups and prizes. The Horses belonging to the Mysore Lancers won some cups at the Horse Shows at Bangalore and Ootacamund.

7. The civil authorities called in the aid of the Military to quell or to prevent disturbances. Three squadrons of mounted men and half a squadron of dismounted men were detailed for duty in connection with the disturbances in Bangalore City on 30th July 1928. Small detachments of men were also detailed in connection with the disturbances in Bangalore in July 1929 and also during mill strikes and lock-outs at Bangalore from time to time as well as in connection with the Mohurrum disturbances at Davangere towards the close of the year. The troops acquitted themselves satisfactorily on all these occasions and restored order.

8. The total expenditure under the head "Army" during the year was Rs. 19,12,813 as against Rs. 18,91,005 of the previous year. The total amount spent on military works both original and repair was Rs. 1,57,956 as against Rs. 1,44,221 in the previous year. Of this, the outlay incurred on the construction of quarters for officers and sowars at Mysore and for Barr sepoys at Nanjangud, Yedatore, Pavagada, Madhugiri, Honnali and Shimoga amounted Rs. 67,101.

9. His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief inspected the Mysore Lancers in July 1928 and was very much pleased with the turn-out of the men and the stable arrangements. The Military Adviser to the Government of India has, in his annual report of inspection of the Mysore Lancers, highly commended the smartness of the officers and men and their efficiency in horse-manship and military training.

R. RANGA RAO,
Offg. *Chief Secretary to Government.*

Reviews the Administration Report on the working of the Stores Purchase Committee for the year 1928-29.

READ—

The Administration Report on the working of the Stores Purchase Committee for the year 1928-29, received with letter No. 3520, dated 10—11th September 1929, from the Secretary of the Committee.

ORDER NO. G. 5325-78—G. M. 63-29-3, DATED 23RD OCTOBER 1929.

Recorded.

2. Col. P. A. Barton and Mr. T. Nanjappa were nominated as the representatives on the Committee of the Industries and Commerce Board and Mr. B. K. Garudachar as the representative of the Mysore Chamber of Commerce. The latter, however, resigned his seat in April 1929.

3. The Committee met six times during the year and discussed thirty-eight subjects relating mostly to the acceptance of tenders.

4. The total value of stores purchased in India and in foreign countries amounted to Rs. 33,75,671 as against Rs. 31,65,473 during the previous year. Of this, orders to the value of Rs. 19,52,084 were for foreign articles and of Rs. 14,23,587 were for those made in India. Of the stores, all materials required by the Railway Department representing about half the total value of foreign orders were obtained through Messrs. Render Palmer and Triton, London; stores to the extent of £ 13,485 were ordered through Mr. H. D. Rice, London; and the rest were purchased by the Committee direct from manufacturers. The policy of giving all possible encouragement to local industries and manufacturers was as usual adhered to during the year. Clothing materials for the menials of some of the Government offices were obtained as in